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CONFIRMATION NO. 9401
DATE OF NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE: July 1, 2003
SERIAL NO. 09/438,493

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Patent Application

Applicant(s): Chang et al.
Docket No.: SOM919990012US1
Serial No.: 09/438,493
Filing Date: November 12, 1999
Group: 2173
Examiner: Cao H. Nguyen

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Signature: Lucia M. Hamlin Date: February 13, 2004

Title: System and Method of Enriching Non-linkable
Media Representations in a Network by Enabling
an Overlying Hotlink Canvas

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action; and
- (2) Statement of Facts in Support of Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action with Exhibit(s).

In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0459** as required to correct the error.

Date: February 13, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Lewis
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Signature: Leissa M. Hanley Date: February 13, 2004

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON
FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

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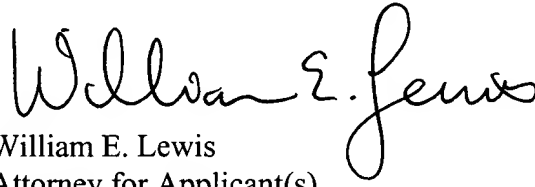
Sir:

Applicants did not receive the original mailed copy of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated July 1, 2003, as described more fully in the attached Statement of Facts.

In view of the foregoing, and the attached Statement of Facts and its associated exhibits, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, and that a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, with a new three month response period, be issued in this case.

It is believed that there is no fee due in conjunction with this petition. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0459** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Lewis" clearly legible, and "E." in the middle.

Date: February 13, 2004

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

I, William E. Lewis, hereby declare that:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP, having an address at 90 Forest Avenue, Locust Valley, New York 11560, and was responsible for prosecuting the above-identified patent application.
2. On or about October 9, 2003, Teresa M. Hamlin, an office manager at Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP, conducted a telephonic status inquiry with the USPTO. Ms. Hamlin was informed that a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was mailed by the USPTO on July 1, 2003.
3. I never received the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due as originally mailed by the USPTO.
4. Ms. Hamlin and I conducted a search of the file jacket and docket records, and confirmed that the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was not received.

5. On or about October 14, 2003, Ms. Hamlin spoke with Examiner Cao H. Nguyen and explained that we had not received the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. Examiner Nguyen said that he would order the file and would send us a copy of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

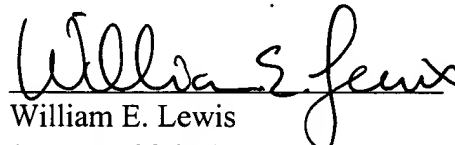
6. As a result of not having received the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the October 1, 2003 docket log, where the non-received item would have been entered had it been received and docketed, did not have record of the October 1, 2003 issue fee due date. A copy of the relevant page of the October 1, 2003 docket log is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

7. On October 31, 2003, Examiner Nguyen faxed Ms. Hamlin a copy of the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. A copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

8. Applicants assume that the present application has been held abandoned given that the three month response date for the non-received Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due expired after October 1, 2003, despite the fact that Applicants have not yet received a Notice of Abandonment.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: February 13, 2004


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10/02/03	1250-86	Office Action Response Due (WLE)
10/02/03	1500-373	Office Action Response Due
10/03/03	1500-16	Status Check (awaiting Advisory Action)
10/03/03	1500-38 CON	Status Check (receipt of returned stamped postcard)
10/03/03	1500-101	Status Check
10/04/03	1500-396	IDS Due
10/04/03	1500-128	Appeal Brief Due (RWG)
10/05/03	1500-33	Send PTOL-85 to IBM in VA (RWG)
10/06/03	1500-393	IDS Due
10/06/03	1250-246 (EPC)	Office Action Response Due
10/06/03	1500-186	Status Check (WLE)
10/06/03	1500-389	Status Check (WLE-filed response to Final OA)
10/07/03	1500-321	File Preliminary Amendment (RJM)
10/07/03	1500-44	Office Action Response Due (RWG-Final)
10/07/03	1500-200	Office Action Response Due
10/08/03	1500-352	Office Action Response Due
10/08/03	1500-361	Office Action Response Due
10/08/03	1500-191	Send PTOL-85 to IBM in VA
10/09/03	1200-200	Consider filing references cited in Canadian Office Action (deadline)
10/09/03	1500-12	Status Check (RWG)
10/09/03	1500-90	Status Check

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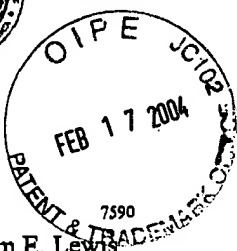
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EXAMINER

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ART UNIT

CLASS-SUBCLASS

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345-762000

DATE MAILED: 07/01/2003

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/438,493	11/12/1999	SIH-PIN SUBRINA CHANG	SE9-99-012/1	9401

TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF ENRICHING NON-LINKABLE MEDIA REPRESENTATIONS IN A NETWORK BY ENABLING AN OVERLYING HOTLINK CANVAS

APPL.N. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1300	\$300	\$1600	10/01/2003

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. **THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

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☐ Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Box ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

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1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

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☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.

2. For printing on the patent front page, list (1) the names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively, (2) the name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed.

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☐ Advance Order - # of Copies _____

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
 (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 0 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 0 days.

If a continued prosecution application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines patent term adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the patent term extension or adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (703)305-1383.



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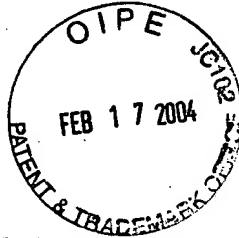
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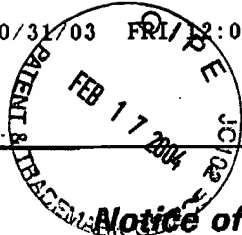
Notice of Fee Increase on January 1, 2003

If a reply to a "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" is filed in the Office on or after January 1, 2003, then the amount due will be higher than that set forth in the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" since there will be an increase in fees effective on January 1, 2003. See Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2003; Final Rule, 67 Fed. Reg. 70847, 70849 (November 27, 2002).

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If the issue fee paid is the amount shown on the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due," but not the correct amount in view of the fee increase, a "Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee" will be mailed to applicant. In order to avoid processing delays associated with mailing of a "Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee," if the response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) due form is to be filed on or after January 1, 2003 (or mailed with a certificate of mailing on or after January 1, 2003), the issue fee paid should be the fee that is required at the time the fee is paid. If the issue fee was previously paid, and the response to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" includes a request to apply a previously-paid issue fee to the issue fee now due, then the difference between the issue fee amount at the time the response is filed and the previously paid issue fee should be paid. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 1308.01 (Eighth Edition, August 2001).

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**Notice of Allowability**Application No.
09/438,493

Applicant(s)

Chang et al.

Examiner

Cao (Kevin) Nguyen

Art Unit

2173

**--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to CPA filed on 06/12/02.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-67.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 *Certified copies not received: _____
5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No. 6.
 (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____
 7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
 9 ☐ Other
- 2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____
 6 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
 8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Kevin Cao
CAO (KEVIN) NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 21-67 are allowable over the prior of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art either singularly or in combination. They are a method of enriching a non-linkable media representation presentable at a user terminal, the method comprising the steps of obtaining the non-linkable media representation; obtaining code and, responsive to the code, generating a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation; and overlaying the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at the user terminal, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation. These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

The present invention is directed to a method enriching a non-linkable media representation presentable at a user terminal, the method comprising the steps of obtaining the non-linkable media representation; obtaining code and, responsive to the code, generating a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation and overlaying the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at the user terminal, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation. Each independent claims 21, 44, 63 and 67 are identifies "obtaining code and,

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responsive to the code, generating a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation and overlaying the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at the user terminal such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation"

The closest prior arts, Bates et.al. discloses a conventional the browser displays the icon, which represents the browser and the page on the display screen, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underline limitation obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response

3. Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 308-9051 may be used for formal communications or (703) 305-9724 for informal or draft communications.

Please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT" for informal facsimile communications. For after final responses, please label "AFTER FINAL" or "EXPEDITED PROCEDURE" on the document.

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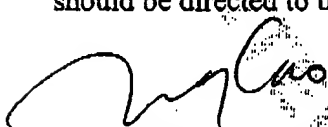
Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive,
Arlington, VA. Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax number for this group is (703) 308-6606.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.


CAO (KEVIN) NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER
JUNE 30, 2009